

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 1, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2014, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Commissioner Alan Gardner, Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine S. Hall.

Commissioner Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for March 19, 2014, through April 1, 2014
- Consideration of Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2014
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Application(s) for Property Tax Abatement:  
James Rodenkirch, S/N SG-SJP-5-109; Joyce Chabot, S/N SG-BLH-12-147
- Consideration of Applications for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes:  
Jarrod Todd & Leah Hockenbury, S/N SG-RSH-D-52; Craig Flowers, S/N SC-SCH-A-10; Glenda Miller & LaVerne Hamilton, S/N 3277-LS; Tonaquint Center, S/N SG-TPKY-2; Traveller/Stone Cliff (various); Randy Simonsen LTD, S/N SG-5-2-28-310 and SG-5-2-28-3102; JBRS Hurricane LLC/Cindi Brown, S/N H-4-1-27-221; Vianca Washington, S/N W-5-2-36-2; Wendy Scheer, S/N S-ANP-1-15; Gary Lee & Janet Davis, S/N H-174-A; Wendell Nilson, S/N SG-1454-A; Michael Phillips, S/N LV-PGS-1-10; Stacey Dodd, S/N NEH-1-8-7-NS; Todd & Brittney Rivers, W-PVE-8-180; Shane Harrison, S/N SG-1415-A-1-A; Ronald Tim & Gia Best, S/N C-27-A-1-NW and I-75-A-1-A-2-A-1
- Consideration of Ratification of Five County Association of Governments Contract Amendment with Washington County Council on Aging for Aging & Nutrition Services FY 2014

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**  
**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH / CAROL HOLLOWELL**

No presentations were made today.

**PURCHASE REQUESTS / MARK BLANCH:**

- Sheriff's Office, L3 digital in-car camera system ..... \$ 10,500.00
- Sheriff's Office, four new vehicles ..... 97,719.00
- Dixie Center, ventless exhaust fan ..... 15,895.00
- Emergency Services, Draeger x-dock master calibration ..... 13,701.00
- Emergency Services, Auto-Rae calibration system ..... 11,710.50
- Emergency Services, equipment for Regional Command  
Training System ..... 10,616.76
- Clerk-Auditor, 2014 Honda Accord w/hitch ..... 26,473.94

Emergency Services Director Pete Kuhlmann said that Hurricane Valley Fire District has undertaken a regional project to put together a virtual training system for emergency response

*All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.*

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Purchase Requests, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.**

**PRESENTATION: DIXIE FFA RE AGRICULTURAL ISSUES / SNAKE VALLEY AQUIFER**

Eight (8) young people representing the Future Farmers of America (FFA) presented a sample debate regarding the agricultural issues surrounding the water supply from the Snake Valley Aquifer to Las Vegas in Nevada and its impact on both urban and rural interests.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1794, A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE EXECUTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY-NRCS 2012 EWP AGREEMENT FOR THE SANTA CLARA RIVER SITES BETWEEN**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SUNROC CORPORATION, IN ORDER TO  
RELIEVE HAZARDS AND DAMAGES CREATED BY A FLOOD IN  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH**

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead said that this agreement covers the next Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) project. Sunroc Corporation was the apparent low bidder on this project at four (4) different sites at the Santa Clara River and has already begun work. It is a forty (40) day contract.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1794, A Resolution To Ratify The Execution Of The Washington County-NRCS 2012 EWP Agreement For The Santa Clara River Sites Between Washington County And Sunroc Corporation, In Order To Relieve Hazards And Damages Created By A Flood In Washington County, Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1795, A RESOLUTION  
APPROVING THE 2014 COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL  
OPERATING PLAN AND FINANCIAL PLAN BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON  
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE USDA, FOREST SERVICE, DIXIE  
NATIONAL FOREST**

Sheriff Cory Pulsipher explained that with the advent of the spring/summer season, the forests require extra law enforcement patrols, especially on weekends. This is a renewal of the annual plan.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1795, A Resolution Approving The 2014 Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan And Financial Plan Between The Washington County Sheriff's Office And The USDA, Forest Service, Dixie National Forest. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1796, A RESOLUTION  
APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY  
OF HURRICANE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE EXECUTION OF A  
QUIT CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF  
REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN HURRICANE**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1797, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TOQUERVILLE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE EXECUTION OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN TOQUERVILLE**

Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke said that Resolutions R-2014-1796 and R-2014-1797 could be considered together, as they both refer to small parcels of property that have been owned by the County for decades. Both the Cities of Hurricane and Toquerville approached Washington County and requested that the properties be deeded over to the respective cities, as the cities have a need for them and the County does not. Mr. Clarke asked that this and the following resolution be approved pending final review by the County Attorney's Office.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt both Resolution No. R-2014-1796, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of An Agreement Between The City Of Hurricane And Washington County And The Execution Of A Quit Claim Deed Regarding The Transfer Of Ownership Of Real Property Located In Hurricane; And Resolution No. R-2014-1797, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of An Agreement Between The City Of Toquerville And Washington County And The Execution Of A Quit Claim Deed Regarding The Transfer Of Ownership Of Real Property Located In Toquerville, Pending Final Review and Approval by the Washington County Attorney's Office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1798, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER TO THE PINE VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT**

Commissioner Gardner said that the Pine Valley Special Service District has requested the appointment of an alternate Board Member in order to provide a quorum for meetings when the regular members are unable to attend.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1798, A Resolution Appointing An Alternate Board Member To The Pine Valley Special Service District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1799, A RESOLUTION REGARDING DEFERRED COMPENSATION RETIREMENT PLAN OPTIONS OFFERED THROUGH UTAH RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, UAC, AND OTHER SOURCES**

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Drake to Table Resolution No. R-2014-1799, A Resolution Regarding Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan Options Offered Through Utah Retirement Systems, UAC, And Other Sources. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

No report was made today.

**PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS**

Mr. Whitehead asked for Commission approval of an easement from Washington County to Dixie Power, which constitutes a realignment of the power line that runs alongside Washington Dam Road and Turf Sod Road in Hurricane. Dixie Power has changed the alignment of its lines to match the new roadways that have gone in there. An acknowledgment needs to be changed at the bottom of the easement to indicate that the signature has been attested to.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Ratify the Easement from Washington County to Dixie Power as described above. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

Additionally, Mr. Whitehead advised that the next NRCS project is beginning, the installation of a connecting road between the Gunlock Highway and the Motoqua/Jackson Road. The plans are complete, but the project is being delayed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service because spawning season for the Southwest Willow Flycatcher and other endangered species is imminent.

Mr. Clarke mentioned that at the last Commission meeting, the Commission approved a Forest/Road Service Agreement. Since that time, the Forest Service realized that the dates did not align properly with those on the Master Service Agreement, and it needed to be amended. Mr. Clarke has reviewed the agreement, and is working on getting the final version back from the Forest Service.

**MOTION:**     **Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Forest/Road Service Agreement between Washington County and the U. S. Forest Service, pending Final Review and Approval by the Washington County Attorney's Office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.**

**COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS**

County Planner Scott Messel said that earlier today the Planning Commission held its Staff Meeting and considered several conditional use applications. He said his department is considering some proposed ordinance and zoning changes regarding recreational vehicles to determine whether they will be permitted to reside on lots where homes are scheduled to be built.

***Request a Closed Session***

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

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CHRISTINE S. HALL  
DEPUTY CLERK

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JAMES J. EARDLEY  
CHAIRMAN